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Get Started

Clicker Communicator is an **AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication)** app that enables you to:

- clearly communicate wants and needs.

- actively engage in conversation.

- fully participate in learning activities.

Clicker Communicator is especially appropriate for children, and is part of the widely-used Clicker Apps family.

Three ready-made **Vocabulary Sets** are provided. It's easy to edit these, as well as create your own.

To get the most out of Clicker Communicator, see Top Tips.

Show the Toolbar

When writing Messages and using Vocabulary Sets, the toolbar is hidden.

To show the hidden toolbar, tap ▭ at the top of the screen.

The toolbar provides access to the File Explorer, Favorites and Recents, the Message menu, Settings, and Edit View.

Communicate with Messages

Write a Message with a Vocabulary Set

Use a **Vocabulary Set** to write a **Message** using whole words and phrases.

A Vocabulary Set contains one or more **grids**, arranged into **topics**. Each grid contains a number of **cells**, which can store pictures and text.

The current Vocabulary Set fills the screen, with the **Message Area** displayed along the top.

Tap cells to construct a Message in the Message Area.

By default, if a cell contains a picture, it is sent to the Message Area along with the text. To change this, see Message Area.

To clear the Message Area, tap [icon]. To change this, see Message Area.

You can also type a Message with the keyboard.

Not all Vocabulary Sets use the Message Area. To turn the Message Area on or off for a Vocabulary Set, go to Edit View and tap **Format**.

Navigation

Every Vocabulary Set has a **Home** topic containing one or more grids.

Links to other topics appear as marked cells:
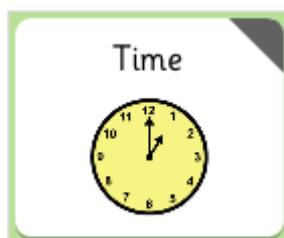
When adding a topic, you can choose whether that topic's link is placed within Home or another topic.

If a topic contains multiple grids, tap [icon] and [icon] in the bottom corners to move between them. To enable swiping between grids, see Accessibility.

Tools

Grids can contain **tools** (preconfigured cells that perform actions):

Delete - delete the last word from the Message Area

Favorites/Recents - access Favorites and Recents

Keyboard - open the keyboard

When creating a Vocabulary Set, you can choose which tools are included, their position, and their color.

Other tools appear when necessary:

Home - move to the Home topic

Back - move to the previous grid in the topic

Forward - move to the next grid in the topic

To configure any cell to perform these actions, see Cell Properties.

Accessibility

SuperKeys is a useful feature for people who have difficulty tapping smaller targets. To learn more, see Accessibility.

Type a Message with the Keyboard

In addition to writing a Message with a Vocabulary Set, you can also type a Message with the **keyboard**.

To open the keyboard, grids must contain the **Keyboard** tool (or a cell that's configured to open the keyboard). To add this to new grids, go to Edit View, tap **Format**, and switch to **Tools**.

To close the keyboard, tap or .

Using the Keyboard

- Tap a key to type it in the Message Area.

- To capitalize the next letter, tap ABC. To return to lower case, tap abc.

- To delete a character, tap .

- To access numbers and punctuation symbols, tap .?123 . To return to letters, tap abc .

Navigation

Navigation keys appear along the bottom of the numbers keyboard.

- To move the cursor, tap ← and → .

- To move the cursor a word at a time, tap ⟨← and →⟩ .

Predictor

As you type, the **Predictor** suggests words that you might want to use. Suggestions can be symbol-supported. To learn more, see Predictor.

Accessibility

SuperKeys is a useful feature for people who have difficulty tapping smaller targets. You can also change the keyboard layout. To learn more, see Accessibility.

Copy and Paste

To copy all text in the Message Area, long-tap anywhere within it and tap **Copy All**. You can then paste the copied text into another app. Pictures and symbols will not be included.

To paste text into the Message Area that is copied from elsewhere, long-tap your desired location and tap **Paste**.

Speak the Message

To speak the entire Message, tap anywhere in the Message Area.

Alternatively, to configure a cell to speak the Message when tapped, see Cell Properties.

Spoken Messages are saved in Recents.

To speak letters and words as they are typed in the Message, see Speech.

To speak text in the Vocabulary Set, see Speak Text in the Vocabulary Set.

If you cannot hear the speech, check that the sound on your iPad is not muted via the side switch, and that the volume is set correctly.

Send as PDF

To send the Message as a PDF, tap in the [toolbar](#) and choose **Send as PDF**.

Choose from the available options to send the PDF.

Your iPad's orientation determines whether the PDF will be **landscape** or **portrait**.

Open as PDF

To open the Message as a PDF, tap in the [toolbar](#) and choose **Open as PDF**.

Choose from the available options to open the PDF.

Your iPad's orientation determines whether the PDF will be **landscape** or **portrait**.

Print the Message

To print the Message, tap in the [toolbar](#) and choose **Print**.

Tap **Select Printer** to choose one from a list of AirPrint printers that your iPad can find on your network.

Specify the number of copies you'd like and tap **Print**.

Your iPad's orientation determines whether your Message is printed in **landscape** or **portrait**.

Use, Create, and Edit Vocabulary Sets

Open a Vocabulary Set

To open a Vocabulary Set, tap ▮ in the toolbar. Browse your iPad, LearningGrids, Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, or WebDAV, and then tap a Vocabulary Set to open it.

Alternatively, you can open a Vocabulary Set from a list of Favorites and Recents.

Ready-made Vocabulary Sets

Three ready-to-use Vocabulary Sets are included: Clicker Core 1, Clicker Core 2 and Clicker Core 3.

These are constructed using color-coded, research-based core words, a proven approach for optimizing communication and developing language skills. The layout principles are consistent across all three sets, enabling users to progress between levels.

It's easy to add more topics and to customize the existing ones by adding new words, symbols or photos. To learn more, see Edit View.

To open a Clicker Core Set, tap ▮ in the toolbar, open the **Vocabulary Set Safe** and select a set. This creates a copy of the set in the main iPad folder and opens this copy, leaving the original file protected.

Get Vocabulary Sets from LearningGrids

As a Clicker Communicator user, you get **free** access to our growing library of

Vocabulary Sets on our LearningGrids site. To access these, tap ▮ in the toolbar and tap **LearningGrids** on the left.

A list of recently added Vocabulary Sets is displayed. Use the top search bar to find Vocabulary Sets for your topic.

To open a Vocabulary Set, tap **Run Now**.

All LearningGrids Vocabulary Sets contain the ⭐ **Favorites/Recents** tool, so you can easily return to your main Vocabulary Set.

Vocabulary Sets opened from LearningGrids are automatically saved in your **LearningGrids Downloads** folder, so you can easily use them again.

You can also access LearningGrids by visiting www.learninggrids.com from any web browser.

Speak Text in the Vocabulary Set

To configure a cell in a Vocabulary Set to speak when tapped, see [Cell Properties](#).

When [creating](#) or [editing](#) a Vocabulary Set, if you turn off the Message Area, you are invited to make all cells speak when tapped.

To speak the Message, see [Speak the Message](#).

If you cannot hear the speech, check that the sound on your iPad is not muted via the side switch, and that the volume is set correctly.

Send a Copy of the Vocabulary Set

To send a copy of the Vocabulary Set, go to [Edit View](#), tap and choose **Send a Copy**.

Choose from the available options to send your file.

Create a Vocabulary Set

To create a new Vocabulary Set, go to [Edit View](#), tap and choose **New Vocabulary Set**.

Alternatively, tap in the [toolbar](#), tap **,** and choose **Vocabulary Set** to create a new Vocabulary Set at the current location.

You can now specify the **Format** of your new Vocabulary Set.

In the **Details** section:

- **Name** - name your Vocabulary Set.

- **Layout** - specify how many rows/columns of cells will appear on grids.

- **Message Area** - if you turn this off, you will be invited to make all cells speak when tapped, and vice versa.

- **Different when rotated** - this enables you to position cells independently in landscape and portrait.

In the **Tools** section:

- **Tools** - select which tools to include on new grids. To reorder them, drag their ▭ handles.

- **Position** - choose how tools are positioned on grids.

- **Color** - change the color of the tools.

To change these options afterwards, go to Edit View, and tap **Format**. Changes to **Tools** will only affect new grids, not existing ones.

Edit a Vocabulary Set

Edit View

To edit a Vocabulary Set, tap ▦ in the toolbar.

A Vocabulary Set contains one or more **topics**, which are listed in the left pane. To select a topic, tap it.
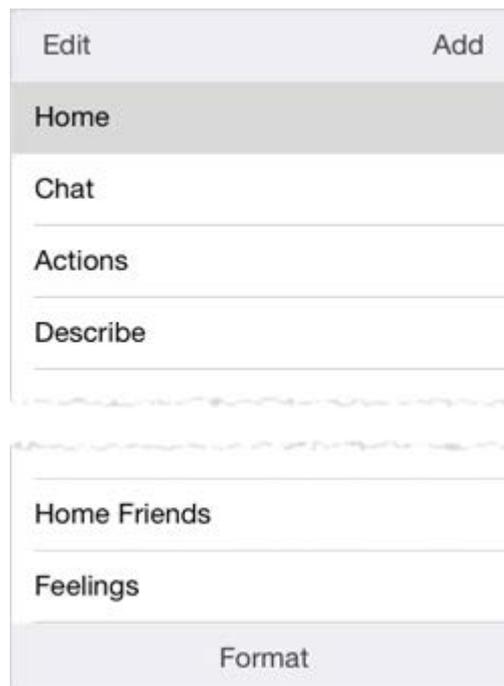
To change the format of your Vocabulary Set, tap **Format**. The options are the same as when creating a Vocabulary Set. Changes to **Tools** will only affect new grids, not existing ones.

The right pane displays the grid(s) in the selected topic.

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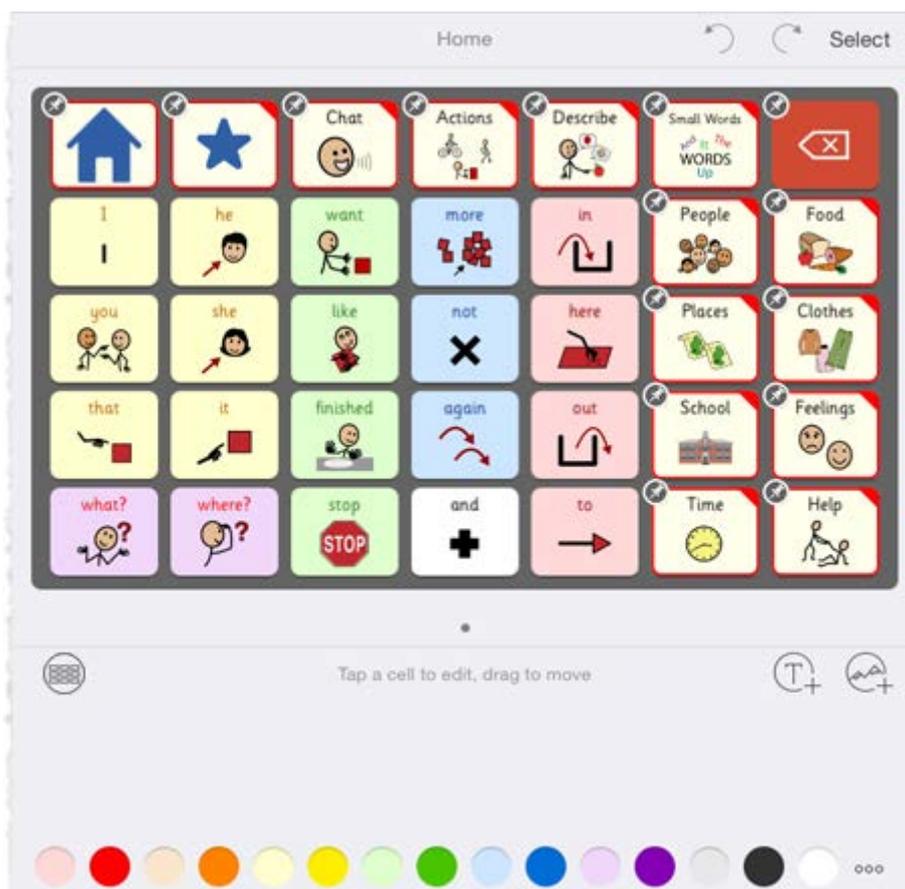
To undo or redo actions in Edit View, tap ⟲ and ⟳.

To learn more about working in Edit View, see:

- [Working with Topics](#)
- [Working with Grids](#)
- [Working with Cells](#)
- [Cell Properties](#)

Working with Topics

Every Vocabulary Set contains one or more **topics**.

To add or edit topics, you must be in [Edit View](#).

Topics are listed in the left pane.

Select a Topic

To select a topic, tap it.

The grid(s) it contains will appear in the right pane.

Add a Topic

To add a topic, tap **Add**.

Tap one or more of the topics in the **Standard** section.

Alternatively, to create a custom topic, switch to the **Custom** section, type a name and supply a picture.

At the bottom, choose whether links to topics are placed in **Home** or the **current topic**.

If you choose **None**, no links are created. However, you can configure any cell to open a particular topic.

Manage Topics

To manage topics, tap **Edit**:

- To rename a topic, long-tap it.

- To reorder topics, drag their ☰ handles.

- To delete a topic, tap its 🔴 icon, and then tap **Delete**.

Tap **Done** to finish.

Populate a Topic with Text

To populate the selected topic with text, tap ⊤₊ in the right pane.

Type or paste your text into the popover. To include multiple words in one cell, surround them with **( )** or **[ ]**.

To include symbols with your words, turn on **Add Symbols Automatically**.

Tap **Done** to finish. The content will be added to empty cells (except for pinned cells). If there isn't enough space, additional grids will be created.

Populate a Topic with Pictures

To populate the selected topic with pictures, tap 🖼₊ in the right pane.

In the popover, browse or search for pictures in the Crick library and symbol libraries. You can also browse your iPad's Photos.

Tap pictures to select them. You can select multiple pictures from multiple sources.

Tap **Done** to finish. The content will be added to empty cells (except for pinned cells). If there isn't enough space, additional grids will be created.

Background Color

To change the background color of all grids in the topic, tap a color at the bottom. For more colors, tap ooo.

Working with Grids

Each topic contains one or more **grids**.

To add or edit grids, you must be in Edit View.

The current grid in the selected topic is shown in the right pane.

If the topic contains multiple grids, swipe to move between them, or tap **< All grids** to view them all. When viewing all grids, drag grids to reorder them.

Add or Delete a Grid

To add a blank grid, tap and choose **Add Grid**.

To delete the current grid, tap and choose **Delete Grid**.

Close Gaps

If empty cells are creating gaps between filled cells, you can quickly move all empty cells to the end of the topic.

To do this, tap and choose **Close Gaps**.

Copy and Paste a Grid

To copy the current grid, tap and choose **Copy Grid**.

To paste the copied grid after the current grid, tap and choose **Paste Grid**.

Working with Cells

Each grid contains one or more **cells**.

To add or edit cells, you must be in Edit View.

Cell Properties

To change the properties (content, action, sound, colors) of a cell, tap it.

Move Cells

To move a cell, tap and hold it until it highlights. Drag it onto another cell to swap them, or drag between cells to reorder them.

To quickly move all empty cells to the end of the topic, tap and choose **Close Gaps**.

Select Cells

To select cells, tap **Select**, and then tap cells to select/deselect them.

You can do the following with selected cells:

Pin Cells

Pinning cells is useful:

- **To keep them in place** - a pinned cell can't be dragged and won't move if another cell is dragged in front of it.

- **To prevent their contents changing** - pinned cells aren't affected when populating the topic with text or pictures.

To pin/unpin selected cells, tap above the grid.

Delete Cells

To delete selected cells, tap above the grid.

Hide Cells

Hidden cells appear dimmed in Edit View and are invisible when using the Vocabulary Set.

To hide selected cells, tap above the grid.

Background Color

To change the background color of selected cells, tap a color at the bottom. For more colors, tap .

Finish Selecting Cells

After making changes to selected cells, tap **Done** to finish.

Cell Properties

To edit cells, you must be in Edit View.

To change the properties of an individual cell, tap it, and the cell will enlarge (if it doesn't, it's because you are selecting cells. Tap **Done** to finish, and then tap the cell again).

Change Text

To change the cell's text, tap the text box.

Change Picture

To change the cell's picture:

- Tap ⬜ to take a photo.

- Tap ⬜ to browse or search for pictures or symbols.

  To clear the search, tap **Clear**.

- Tap ⬜ to paint a picture.

  To learn more, see Paint.

- Tap ⬜ to remove the current picture.

To adjust the picture, use pinch-zoom and drag.

Change Color

To change the background, text, or border color, tap ⬜ (beneath ⬜).

Change Action

To change what happens when the cell is tapped, tap **Action**.

A cell can:

- **Send** - send text to the Message Area

- **Open** - open another grid, topic, Vocabulary Set, Favorites, or the keyboard

- **Command** - email the current Message as a PDF, delete text from the Message Area

Change Sound

To change what sound plays when the cell is tapped, tap **Sound**.

A cell can speak its own text, the current Message, some other text, or play an alert.

Pin Cell

To pin the cell, turn on **Pin**.

Hide Cell

To hide the cell, turn on **Hide**.

Delete Content

To delete the cell's text and picture, and reset the action and sound to default, tap
.

Paint

To paint within a cell, you must view its properties and tap .

If the cell already contains a picture, it will be your canvas.

To start painting, tap , tap a brush, and then drag your finger across the canvas.

To fill an area, tap and then the area.

To add a shape, tap , tap a shape, and then tap the canvas. To move the shape, drag it. To resize it, drag its green handles. To rotate it, drag its orange handle. To finish, tap outside it.

To change the color of these tools, tap .

To undo and redo your changes, tap and .

To save your painting, tap **Done**.

Color-coding

The Clicker Core Vocabulary Sets use the Fitzgerald color-coding system:

- **Yellow** - people, pronouns

- **Green** - actions

- **Orange** - nouns

- **Blue** - describing words

- **Pink** - prepositions, social words

- **White** - conjunctions, miscellaneous

- **Purple** - places

If you want to use a different color-coding system, it's easy to change the colors. To learn more, see Working with Cells.

Manage Messages and Vocabulary Sets

Favorites and Recents

The **Favorites/Recents** grid shows Messages and Vocabulary Sets that you have favorited or recently used.

To open it, your grids must contain the ⭐ **Favorites/Recents** tool (or a cell that's configured to open Favorites). To add this to new grids, go to Edit View, tap **Format**, and switch to **Tools**.

To view Recents, tap ⭐ on the Favorites/Recents grid. If Favorites is empty,

tapping ⭐ takes you straight to Recents.

To delete a recent Message, tap **X** in its corner.

Managing Favorites and Recents

To manage your Favorites and Recents, tap ⭐ in the toolbar and choose **Messages** or **Vocabulary Sets**.

To add the current Message or Vocabulary Set to your Favorites, tap **Add**.

To delete an item from Favorites or Recents swipe it left and tap **Delete**.

File Explorer

To access all the Vocabulary Sets on your iPad, tap 📁 in the toolbar.

In Explorer:

- To open a Vocabulary Set or folder, tap it.

- To return to the previous folder, tap the back arrow.

- To create a new Vocabulary Set or folder, tap ⊕.

- You can also delete, rename, copy, and share files.

Free Vocabulary Sets can be downloaded from LearningGrids.

You can also connect to a Dropbox, Google Drive, or OneDrive account, or a WebDAV file server. To enable these features, see Sharing.

Backing up

To keep backup copies of your Vocabulary Sets, copy them to the **Vocabulary Set Safe**, Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, or WebDAV.

Opening a file from any of these sources creates a new copy, keeping your backup copy intact.

Delete, Rename, Copy, and Share

To perform these actions on files and folders in the File Explorer, tap **Edit**.

Tap items to select them, and then do one of the following:

- To delete selected items, tap **Delete**.

- To copy selected items, tap **Copy**. Browse to your desired location and tap **Paste** to copy them there.

- To share selected items, tap **Share** and choose from the available options to share your files.

To rename an item, long-tap its current name.

Tap **Done** to finish.

(It's not possible to rename or delete files directly within Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, or WebDAV.)

Get Vocabulary Sets from LearningGrids

As a Clicker Communicator user, you get **free** access to our growing library of Vocabulary Sets on our LearningGrids site. To access these, tap ▮ in the toolbar and tap **LearningGrids** on the left.

A list of recently added Vocabulary Sets is displayed. Use the top search bar to find Vocabulary Sets for your topic.

To open a Vocabulary Set, tap **Run Now**.

All LearningGrids Vocabulary Sets contain the ⭐ **Favorites/Recents** tool, so you can easily return to your main Vocabulary Set.

Vocabulary Sets opened from LearningGrids are automatically saved in your **LearningGrids Downloads** folder, so you can easily use them again.

You can also access LearningGrids by visiting www.learninggrids.com from any web browser.

Dropbox

Use Dropbox to share files between iPads. To learn about Dropbox, visit www.dropbox.com.

To enable sharing with Dropbox, tap ⚙ in the [toolbar](), choose **Sharing**, and turn on **Dropbox**.

To access Dropbox, tap 📁 in the [toolbar](), and tap **Dropbox** on the left.

Link Your Account

To link your account, tap **Link to Dropbox**. Enter your account details and tap **Sign in**.

To unlink your account, tap **Edit** and tap **Unlink Dropbox**.

Add Files to Dropbox

To add a file to Dropbox, first create it on your iPad, and then [copy and paste]() it to Dropbox.

You can also send files to Dropbox from the 💬 menu in the [toolbar]() and the ⊞ menu in [Edit View]().

These files will be available to all devices that are linked to your Dropbox account.

Open Files from Dropbox

To open a file from Dropbox, tap it.

This also copies it to the **Dropbox Downloads** folder on your iPad so that the file can be accessed later, even without an Internet connection.

Manage Dropbox files

To delete or rename Dropbox files, login to Dropbox from your web browser or use the Dropbox app on your iPad.

Your Clicker Communicator files are stored in the **Apps** folder.

Google Drive

Use Google Drive to share files between iPads. To learn about Google Drive, visit drive.google.com.

To enable sharing with Google Drive, tap ⚙ in the toolbar, choose **Sharing**, and turn on **Google Drive**.

To access Google Drive, tap 📁 in the toolbar, and tap **Google Drive** on the left.

Link Your Account

To link your account, tap **Link to Google Drive**. Enter your account details and tap **Sign in**.

To unlink your account, tap **Edit** and tap **Unlink Google Drive**.

Add Files to Google Drive

To add a file to Google Drive, first create it on your iPad, and then copy and paste it to Google Drive.

You can also send files to Google Drive from the 💬 menu in the toolbar and the ⊞ menu in Edit View.

These files will be available to all devices that are linked to your Google Drive account.

Open Files from Google Drive

To open a file from Google Drive, tap it.

This also copies it to the **Google Drive Downloads** folder on your iPad so that the file can be accessed later, even without an Internet connection.

Manage Google Drive files

To delete or rename Google Drive files, log into Google Drive from your web browser or use the Google Drive app on your iPad.

OneDrive

Use OneDrive to share files between iPads. To learn about OneDrive, visit onedrive.live.com.

To enable sharing with OneDrive, tap ⚙ in the toolbar, choose **Sharing**, and turn on **OneDrive**.

To access OneDrive, tap [folder icon] in the toolbar, and tap **OneDrive** on the left.

Link Your Account

To link your account, tap **Link to OneDrive**. Enter your account details and tap **Sign in**.

To unlink your account, tap **Edit** and tap **Unlink OneDrive**.

Add Files to OneDrive

To add a file to OneDrive, first create it on your iPad, and then copy and paste it to OneDrive.

You can also send files to OneDrive from the [chat icon] menu in the toolbar and the [grid icon] menu in Edit View.

These files will be available to all devices that are linked to your OneDrive account.

Open Files from OneDrive

To open a file from OneDrive, tap it.

This also copies it to the **OneDrive Downloads** folder on your iPad so that the file can be accessed later, even without an Internet connection.

Manage OneDrive files

To delete or rename OneDrive files, log into OneDrive from your web browser or use the OneDrive app on your iPad.

WebDAV

Use WebDAV to share files between iPads. WebDAV enables you to access files stored on your server over the Internet. Ask your network administrator to set this up and add the Clicker Communicator MIME Type to the server.

To enable sharing with WebDAV, tap [gear icon] in the toolbar, choose **Sharing**, and turn on **WebDAV**.

To access files on a WebDAV server, tap [folder icon] in the toolbar, and tap **WebDAV** on the left.

Link to WebDAV

To link to a WebDAV server, tap **Link to WebDAV**. Enter the address of the server and your account details, and then tap ⊕.

To unlink from the server, tap **Edit** and tap **Unlink WebDAV**.

Add Files to WebDAV

To add a file to WebDAV, first create it on your iPad, and then copy and paste it to WebDAV.

You can also send files to WebDAV from the ⬛ menu in the toolbar and the ⊞ menu in Edit View.

Open Files from WebDAV

To open a file from WebDAV, tap it.

This also copies it to the **WebDAV Downloads** folder on your iPad so that the file can be accessed later, even without an Internet connection.

Manage WebDAV files

To delete or rename WebDAV files, access your WebDAV server from elsewhere.

Customize Settings

Message Area

To adjust these settings, tap ⚙ in the toolbar and choose **Message Area**:

Font - choose a font style from the list.

Colors - choose the color of the text and the background in the Message Area.

Pictures - turn off **Write With Pictures** to prevent cells sending pictures to the Message Area.

Delete Button - choose whether the **Delete** button clears the Message Area in a single tap, or deletes the last word on the first tap and clears the Message Area on the second tap.

Keep Recent - turn off **Keep Recent Messages** to prevent recently spoken messages being saved in Recents.

Grid

To adjust these settings, tap ⚙ in the toolbar and choose **Grid**:

Font - choose a font style from the list.

Text Position - for cells that contain text and a picture, choose whether the text appears above or below the picture.

Speech

To adjust these settings, tap ⚙ in the toolbar and choose **Speech**:

Voice - choose which voice to use. To add more, tap **Download a Voice**.

Speed - choose how quickly the voice reads text.

Highlight Color - choose which color is used to highlight words as they are spoken.

Speak Each Letter - letters are spoken as they are typed.

Speak Each Word - words are spoken when typed or sent to the Message Area.

Pronunciation - to specify a word's pronunciation, tap **Add New**. In the first box, spell the word correctly. In the second box, spell it how you want it pronounced. Tap the back arrow to finish.

To delete custom pronunciations, tap **Edit**, tap a word's ⊖ icon and then tap **Delete**. Tap **Done** to finish.

Predictor

As you type with the keyboard, the **Predictor** suggests words that you might want to use. Suggestions can be symbol-supported.

Tap a suggested word to send it in the Message Area.

Turn On and Configure

To change the number and size of predictions, tap ⚙ in the toolbar and choose **Predictor**.

Tap **Predictor** again to adjust these settings:

Predictor - display the Predictor above the keyboard.

Use SoundsLike Prediction - suggest words based on their phonetic sound.

Predict Next Word - predict the next word after a space is typed.

Database Size - choose the level of prediction.

Symbols - to specify which symbols are used, see Symbols.

- **Show Symbol** - turn this off to prevent symbols being shown within predictions.

- **Only Predict Words with Symbols** - when turned on, only words with associated symbols will be suggested.

Accessibility

To adjust these settings, tap ⚙ in the toolbar and choose **Accessibility**:

Swipe Grids - turn this on to enable swiping between grids.

Show Touches - when turned on, a red circle appears when a touch occurs.

Keyboard - choose the keyboard layout:

- **Qwerty** - the standard English keyboard layout.

- **Alphabetical Left to Right** - letters are arranged alphabetically in rows.

- **Alphabetical Clusters** - letters are grouped alphabetically in clusters.

SuperKeys - for those who have difficulty tapping small targets, SuperKeys groups cells into **clusters**. Tap a cluster to enlarge it, and then tap a cell to select it.

- **Close Cluster After Selection** - turn this off to keep the cluster enlarged after tapping a cell.

- **Delay Before Closing** - if the above setting is turned on, choose how many seconds occur before the cluster closes.

Animation - when turned off, moving between grids is instant, not animated.

Display Settings

For learners with low vision, adjust the fonts and colors in the Message Area, and use appropriate fonts and colors in your Vocabulary Set.

Guided Access

Use your iPad's **Guided Access** feature to temporarily prevent switching to other apps and restrict access to parts of Clicker Communicator, such as the toolbar.

To turn on Guided Access, open your iPad's **Settings** app, tap **General** on the left, tap **Accessibility** on the right, and turn on **Guided Access**.

To learn more, see: support.apple.com/HT202612

Switch Control

Use your iPad's **Switch Control** feature to control Clicker Communicator with switches.

To configure Switch Control, open your iPad's **Settings** app, tap **General** on the left, tap **Accessibility** on the right, and then tap **Switch Control**.

To learn more, see: support.apple.com/HT201370

Symbols

To manage your symbol libraries, tap in the toolbar and choose **Symbols**.

The **SymbolStix** library is included. To purchase additional symbol libraries, tap **Download a Library**.

Manage Symbol Libraries

Tap a symbol library to select/deselect it.

The list order determines the order that symbol libraries are searched when predicting words and populating a topic with text.

To change a symbol library's position in the list, drag its ≡ handle.

Sharing

To adjust these settings, tap ⚙ in the toolbar and choose **Sharing**:

Dropbox - enables the Dropbox section of the File Explorer.

Google Drive - enables the Google Drive section of the File Explorer.

OneDrive - enables the OneDrive section of the File Explorer.

WebDAV - enables the WebDAV section of the File Explorer.

Set Language

To change the language options for Clicker Communicator, open your iPad's ⚙ **Settings** app and tap **Communicator** on the left.

To set the language of the user interface, tap **Language**.

To set your region, tap **Resources**. This determines which resources appear on LearningGrids and in the **Examples** folder.

(Changing the language does not automatically change the voice. To do this, see Speech.)

Top Tips

1. **Personalize** - make your Vocabulary Sets personal by using photos of friends and family, adding your favorite greeting words, and creating more topics.

2. **Talk in class** - connect to LearningGrids to access free Vocabulary Sets to support the curriculum.

3. **Don't let motor disability restrict language** - turn on SuperKeys to get big target areas, even on complex grids.

4. **Type** - where appropriate, use the keyboard. It includes symbol-supported word prediction. The Keyboard tool appears on every grid in Core Words 2, and can be added to any Vocabulary Set.

5. **Choose the best symbol set for you** - if you prefer to use **Widgit** or **PCS** symbols, both are available to purchase in Symbols.

6. **Add more voices** - more voices can be downloaded for free in Speech.

7. **Access Favorites and Recents** - tap the Favorites tool to access favorite and recently used Messages and Vocabulary Sets. This is a great way to move between your main Vocabulary Set and a curriculum-based set.

8. **Backup** - keep backups of your customized Vocabulary Sets by using the Vocabulary Set Safe, Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, or WebDAV.

9. **Develop language skills** - research shows that **modeling** is an effective way of teaching language structures. The person using the device needs a **language partner** who demonstrates language structures by modeling them on the device and then provides real situations where the structures can be used.

10. **Link with writing skills** - use apps such as **Clicker Sentences** and **Clicker Connect** to develop writing skills too!

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